

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING

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CHARTER

This document re-establishes the charter for Mississippi's State Traffic Records Committee that was established in 1981, here in after reorganized as the State Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (STRCC).

A. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the STRCC is to provide strong coordinated State and Local leadership to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of traffic safety data collection and analysis and the resources needed to support it. The STRCC will support data improvements at all levels of government that minimize duplication, improve uniformity, advance electronic data collection, and facilitate data access and use.

B. GOAL

The goals of the STRCC are:

- > To ensure that complete, accurate, uniform, and timely traffic safety data is collected, analyzed, and made available for decision-making at the State and local government levels and for others also working to improve highway safety--the reduction of crashes, deaths, and injuries on Mississippi's roads.
- > To provide support and direction for traffic safety improvement measures that allow for the comprehensive collection, maintenance, and dissemination of Mississippi traffic crash related data.
- > To provide oversight and support in the timely execution and expenditure of all traffic records projects.

C. AUTHORITY

The STRCC operates under the direction of the Mississippi Governor's Representative for Highway Safety through the State Traffic Records Coordinator.

The STRCC has the authority to review any of the State's highway safety data and traffic records systems and any changes to such systems before the changes are implemented. The STRC coordinates the views of organizations in the State that are involved in the collection, administration, and use of highway safety data and traffic records systems and represent those views to outside organizations.

D. MEMBERSHIP

The STRCC membership is approved annually and is made up of the following representation. Managers, collectors, and users of traffic records, public health and injury control data. These representatives come from highway safety, highway infrastructure, law enforcement and adjudication,

public health, injury control and motor carrier agencies and organizations. These agencies and organizations include the Department of Public Safety -Motor Carrier Division, Crash Reconstruction, Driver Services, Fatal Accident Reporting System (FARS), Management Information Services, Crime Lab, Office of Highway Safety, Mississippi Highway Patrol; Department of Transportation; Department of Health; Emergency Medical Services; Department of Revenue; Department of Information Technology Services; Mississippi State Social Science Research Center; Judiciary as well as Mississippi Sheriffs Association designee and Mississippi Chiefs of Police designee.

E. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Duties and Responsibilities of the STRCC are:

- Approve annually any change to the State's multi-year Strategic Plan and performance measures to be used to demonstrate quantitative progress in the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, uniformity, accessibility, or integration of a core highway safety database. This shall describe the specific, quantifiable and measureable improvements anticipated in the State's core safety databases, including crash, vehicle, driver, roadway, citation/adjudication, emergency medical services/ injury surveillance databases.
- > Provide policy framework for coordination, cooperation and collaboration of model agency activities targeted at improvement of State and Local traffic safety data while ensuring the protection of confidential information entrusted to us.
- > Prepare and implement and continually update a strategic plan for traffic records improvements.
- > Recommend forming interagency project teams to develop implementation plans for carrying out the objectives of the plan and to receive periodic updates from the project teams.
- ➤ Provide a forum for review and endorsement of programs, regulations, projects and methodologies (excluding specific vendor products) to implement the improvements identified in the strategic plan.
- > Review programs, regulations, projects, methodologies and evaluate new technologies for conformance with the STRCC's mission and goals and for conformance with the agencies policies on traffic safety data.
- > Provide executive guidance, coordination, and evaluation of programs, projects, regulations, and performance goals as they become operational.
- > Approve and/or implement other tasks in furtherance of Mississippi's goals to achieve quality traffic safety data from state traffic records systems.
- > Provide a mechanism to communicate with the State's and Local agencies to identify and promote best practices and principles for doing business.

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